18th July 1953]

Lease of Ramnad coastal area for chank diving.

* 655 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Rajah of Ramnad continues to be in possession of the right to lease out the coastal area in his former estate, for the purpose of chank diving;

(b) what portion of the proceeds go to the Government; and

(c) what is the total amount collected in the year 1952-53 by leasing out for chank diving by the Rajah?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) Since 7th September 1949 the Rajah of Ramnad is not in possession of the right to lease out the fishing rights of chanks in the coastal area of Ramnad.

" (b) The entire proceeds go to the Government.

" (c) A sum of Rs. 14,000, being the lease amount for the fasli year 1952–53, has been collected from the lessees by the Government."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" The question is not about fishing rights. It is about chank diving."

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" This is all about chank diving and it is called chank fisheries."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Even this year, it is the Raja of Ramnad that is leasing out rights for chank diving. Can the Government deny this fact? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I do not think so, Sir."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" What exactly is meant by chank diving? Are there any other parties which enjoy such rights? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Chank diving means diving into the sea for fishing chanks. (Laughter.) That is *Sanku* or *Sankam*. It is the monopoly of the State."

Supply of copies of Jail Administration Reports to foreign Embassies.

* 656 Q.—SRI T. POTHA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have supplied copies of Jail Administration Reports to any foreign Embassies or Consulates; and

(b) if so, their names and the reasons for such action?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) Yes.